(b) The Programme of Action, 1992 prepared in pursuance of National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages provision of primary schools for all habitations with population of 300. The Eight Five Year Plan provides for provision of primary schools within one kilometre walking distance. The responsibility for opening primary schools rests with the State Governments which have evolved their own norms for this purpose on these lines.

(c) The costs of enhancing capacity of primary schools to enrol children in the age group of 6—11 years are estimated by the respective State Governments.

Statement

Statewise number of Primary Schools in the country in the year 1994-95 (As on 30.9.1994)

S. No.	STATE	Primary/Junior Basic Schools
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49153
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1195
3.	Assam	29173
4.	Bihar	53053
5.	Goa	1021
6.	Gujarat	14338
7.	Haryana	5659
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7611
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	9784
10.	Karnataka	22768
11.	Kerala	6694
12.	Madhya Pradesh	72478
13.	Maharashtra	40628
14.	Manipur	3027
15.	Meghalaya	4177
16.	Mizoram	1149
17.	Nagaland	1399
18.	Orissa	42104
19.	Punjab	12509
20.	Rajasthan	34569
21.	Sikkim	529
22.	Tamil Nadu	30351
23.	Tripura	2055
24.	Uttar Pradesh	82023
25.	West Bengal	51021
26.	A & N Islands	184
27.	Chandigarh	29
28.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	139
29.	Daman & Diu	49
30.	Delhi	2072
31.	Lakshadweep	19
32.	Pondicherry	345
	India	581305

Steps taken to make open Universities more meaningful

60. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Open Universities in the country at present;

(b) whether Government propose to make these universities more effective, meaningful and beneficial for the students; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) In addition to the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), there are six State Open Universities-one each in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

(b) and (c) IGNOU was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 to take all such steps as it may deem fit to promote open university and distance education system, including the power to disburse grants. IGNOU had established a Distance Education Council which has been providing academic support, guidance and financial assistance to State Open Universities eligible under the UGC Act to receive developmental assistance.

Provision of Houses to Urban Poor in Karnataka

87. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban poor provided with houses in Karnataka under the Central Schemes during the past three years, district-wise;

(b) whether constructed houses were provided to them or an amount is provided for constructing the houses; and

(c) the total amount spent on such schemes during the last three years and agency which implemented the schemes in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) At present,